



**Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office  
City Council Meeting Recap  
4.28.20**

A brief recap of important items discussed during the April 28, 2020 City Council meeting is provided below:

**April 28, 2020 ([Meeting Agenda](#))**

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**This meeting was held pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020. Any or all Councilmembers may attend and participate by teleconference/virtual meeting. Members of the public may participate by teleconference.**  
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**CLOSED SESSION:**

- Closed Session was cancelled

**PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

- None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Campbell announced that a local business, The Solution at 507 Pier Avenue, is now offering antibody testing for COVID-19. She also announced a virtual art exhibit open to residents. The Hermosa Beach Museum is asking people to send pictures of what they are doing at home during the pandemic to [hermosabeachmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:hermosabeachmuseum@gmail.com). The Mayor announced the City's Virtual Townhall meeting scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. More information can be found at the City's website. Lastly, the Mayor reiterated LA County's four indicators necessary for a relaxing of the Stay at Home Order to begin. She reminded everyone that everyone's continued cooperation is necessary for this reopening to happen.

- Councilmember Fangary thanked staff for the daily updates on COVID-19 situation and encouraged residents to visit the City's website. He also gave an update on Beach City Health District's available testing services.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND REPORTS - CITY MANAGER:**

- The City Manager summarized her role as Director of Emergency Services which she serves as during a declaration of emergency. This includes daily meetings with staff and various stakeholder groups to inform the City's daily updates, press releases and other outreach and communication. She included a reassurance that the City is working closely with other regional and neighboring agencies to ensure any potential reopening or relaxing of the "safer at home" orders is done safely and responsibly in concert with these agencies. She also pointed out two new items included in an Executive Order 2020-02 that was executed April 27: one that the City's mandatory ten cent fee on take out grocery bags be waived, and the second that alcohol must be served concurrently with food during take-out and pick-up of food orders and may not



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consumed on the premises. The City Manager also summarized an Information Item regarding trash service for Pier Plaza and the Parking Lot A trash compactor.

- Mayor Campbell interjected that in addition to the measures detailed by the City Manager being taken to stay updated on COVID-19 response, many other regional conversations are taking place regularly between Mayors, City Managers and other key leaders and staff.
- Mayor Campbell asked about the Executive Order 2020-02. The City Manager and City Attorney explained that the two new items in the Executive Order 2020-02 could be added to tonight's consent calendar and would need 4/5ths vote for passage to be added to this meeting. Councilmember Armato made a motion to add Executive Order 2020-02 to the agenda and then withdrew it after discussion. Executive Order 2020-02 is in effect and will come before Council on the next meeting's agenda.

## **1. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- Jessica Accamando called in to give an update on the South Bay Community Volunteers program she is helping with. The program now has 275 volunteers. More information can be found at <http://bit.ly/southbayhelp>. She also promoted the Virtual Sidewalk Sale event happening May 1-3 for downtown Hermosa businesses
- Laura Pena called in to discuss the City's communication efforts regarding the response to COVID-19. She also expressed concerns with some items at the recent Planning Commission meeting.
- Councilmember Fangary spoke on the written communication he placed on the agenda and made a motion for City Council to require the City Attorney to answer the questions contained therein. The motion failed due to lack of a second. Councilmember Fangary then moved to receive and file the written communication. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Armato and the vote was unanimous to receive and file.

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- Item 2e was pulled by Councilmember Armato. Item 2g was pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Massey. The balance of the Consent Calendar was approved by Council.

## **3. CONSENT ORDINANCES**

- a) **REPORT 20-0229 ORDINANCE NO. 20-1408 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON SHARED MOBILITY DEVICES FROM BEING: OFFERED FOR USE ANYWHERE IN THE CITY; PLACED IN ANY PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OR PUBLIC PROPERTY; OR OPERATED ON ANY PUBLIC PROPERTY OR RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE CITY**
- Council Approved the item unanimously with no public comment

## **4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION**



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- Councilmember Armato requested to pull **Item 2e** Report 20-0226 ACTION SHEET OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2020 for discussion. Councilmember Armato expressed concerns with the conversion of first floor retail space to office space in the downtown area. Mayor Pro Tem Massey indicated that he would move to take jurisdiction of the Planning Commission decision regarding Public Hearing Item 8 and Councilmember Fangary was in support of this. The balance of the Planning Commission meeting action sheet was received and filed by Council.
- Mayor Pro Tem Massey requested to pull **Item 2g** Report 20-0234 CONFIRMATION OF CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-01 IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. He discussed the various ways Councilmembers have opportunities for input on the agendas. Councilmember Fangary brought up the Council's role in weighing in on matters related to the pandemic and the City's response. The City Attorney reminded Council that the discussion must not address specific matters and that the discussion may be better positioned under item 6b of Municipal Matters. Item 2g was approved unanimously by Council.

## **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- None

## **6. MUNICIPAL MATTERS**

- a) **REPORT 20-0219 REEVALUATION OF CONTINUING SUSPENSION OF RESTAURANT ENCROACHMENT FEES FOR MAY AND GOING FORWARD; RECEIVE AND FILE INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATION OF CERTAIN FEES AND FINES**
  - This item was approved by a 4-1 vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Massey dissenting, to continue suspension of restaurant encroachment fees for May and moving forward until Council provides a date for termination of suspension of fees.
- b) **REPORT 20-0235 REVIEW OF CITY COVID-19 MEASURES AS REQUESTED UNDER "OTHER MATTERS" AT THE APRIL 14, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
  - A number of supplemental communications related to this item were received and filed. Council and the City Manager held a robust discussion on this item about potential strategies for allowing Council to weigh in on issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic in a more timely and constructive manner, both on Council agendas and otherwise. The City Manager committed to make her verbal Council updates available via the City's website and explore other means for regular communication. The motion to have a COVID-19 discussion item on all future City Council agendas failed 3-2.

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS - CITY COUNCIL**

- a) **REPORT 20-0236 DOWNTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**



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- Mayor Campbell and Councilmember Deto were appointed to the Economic Development Committee, along with two members of the City's Planning Commission - Commissioners Hoffman and Pedersen. Council also approved a motion to rescind an existing role of the separate Downtown Enhancement Subcommittee, related to collaborating with businesses to increase daytime patronage and economic vitality throughout the downtown.

**b) REPORT 20-0228 UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES AND  
STANDING COMMITTEE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES**

- No updates were provided.

**8. OTHER MATTERS - CITY COUNCIL**

- a) Councilmember Armato and Mayor Pro Tem Massey requested an item regarding preservation of retail and restaurant space in downtown be brought to a future Council agenda.
- b) Councilmember Fangary requested information about a study session scheduled for June 3. The City Manager and Clerk clarified that it is just a placeholder for a regular monthly study session and has no specific topic nor agenda. Councilmember Fangary suggested it could be focused on the COVID-19 pandemic if appropriate.

**The meeting was adjourned to 6pm April 30<sup>th</sup> for the City's Virtual Townhall meeting**

**THE NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7 P.M. ON TUESDAY,  
MAY 12, 2020.**

Questions or comments? Contact the Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia Monday through Thursday, 7AM – 6PM at (310) 318-0201 or via email at [ndeanda@hermosabeach.gov](mailto:ndeanda@hermosabeach.gov)

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